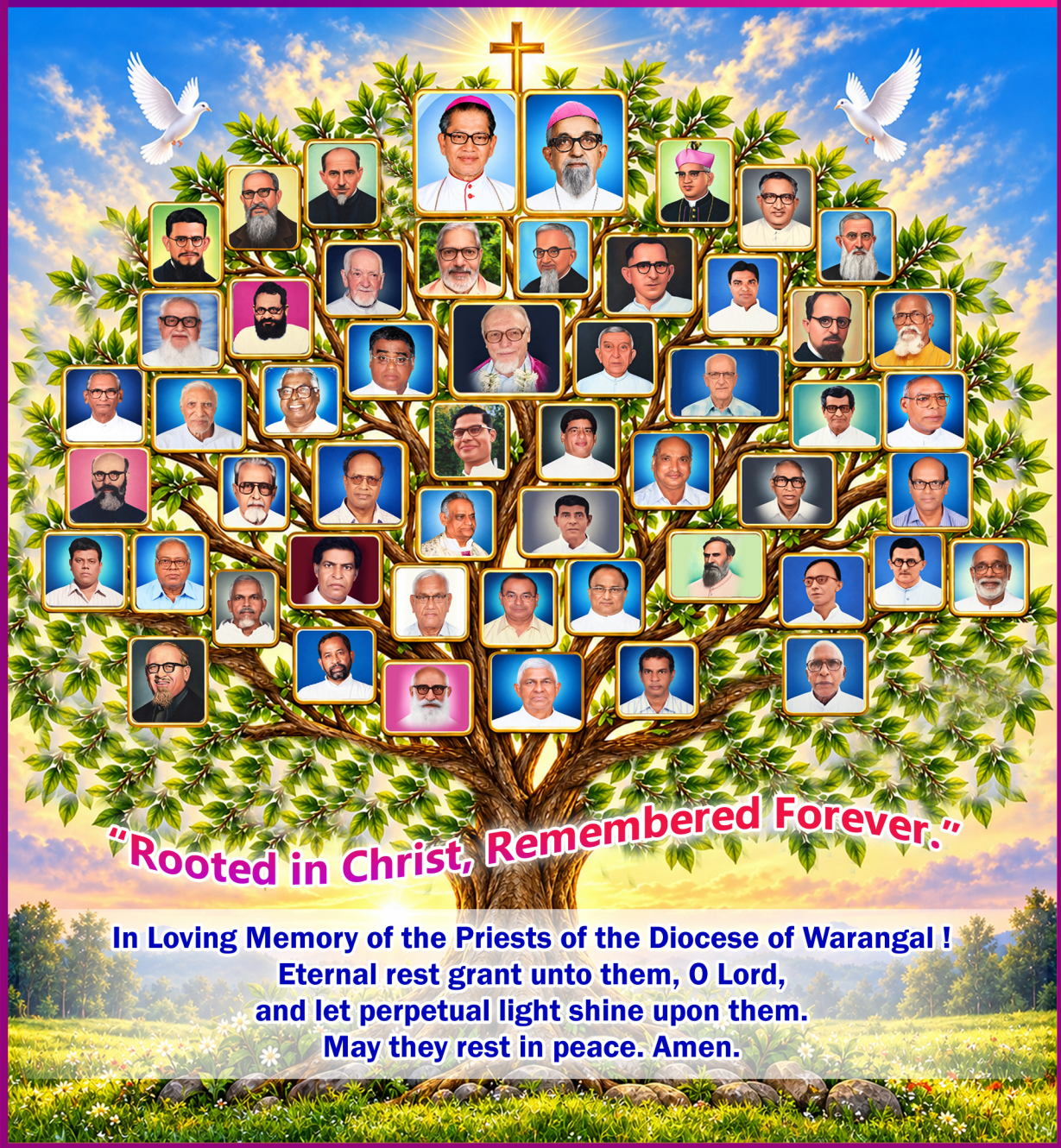
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at Ramanthapur

I. Called to Holiness, United in Hope, and Faithful in Mission



Dear Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, and Beloved Faithful in Christ,
As we enter the month of November, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the mystery of life, death, holiness, and eternal hope. This month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, and it draws us towards the celebration of Christ the King. These liturgical celebrations remind us that our earthly journey is directed towards our heavenly homeland and that we are called to live each day in faith, love, and service.

1. Called to Be Saints in Our Daily Lives

The Solemnity of All Saints reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. Every Christian, whatever his or her vocation, is called to holiness. Jesus tells us, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). The saints became holy not because their lives were free from difficulties, but because they remained faithful to God amid their struggles. Their lives teach us that holiness begins in ordinary circumstances: a parent caring for a child, a priest serving his people, a religious sister ministering to the poor, a teacher forming young minds, or a young person choosing what is right despite pressure from others.

Dear faithful, let us not think that holiness is beyond our reach. A forgiving heart, an honest life, a sincere prayer, a helping hand, and a word of encouragement can become steps towards holiness.

2. Remembering Our Departed with Faith and Hope

November also invites us to remember our beloved departed. We recall our parents, relatives, priests, religious, benefactors, friends, and all those who have gone before us in faith. Their absence may leave a deep emptiness in our hearts, but Christian faith assures us that death does not have the final word. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

Our remembrance of the departed should lead us not only to sorrow but also to prayer, gratitude, and hope. Let us offer Holy Masses for them, visit cemeteries with reverence, and pray for all the faithful departed. Let us also honour their memory by continuing the good work they began and by practising the virtues they taught us. At the same time, we must accompany those who grieve. A compassionate presence, a listening ear, and a prayerful word can bring comfort to a family experiencing loss. May our Christian communities be places where those who mourn discover the consoling presence of Christ.

3. Christ the King: The Model of True Leadership

On 22 November, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The kingship of Jesus is different from the power and authority of this world. He reigns not through domination, but through love; not through pride, but through humility; and not through self-interest, but through self-giving service. Jesus teaches us, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45).

This is a powerful message for everyone entrusted with responsibility in the Church, in families, in public life, and in society. Leadership is not a privilege to be enjoyed but a responsibility to be exercised for the good of others. As shepherds of God's people, we are called to listen patiently, act justly, protect the vulnerable, and lead by example.

As we celebrate Christ the King, let us ask ourselves: Does Christ truly reign in our hearts, our homes, our parishes, and our institutions? When Christ reigns in us, hatred gives way to forgiveness, division gives way to unity, and indifference gives way to compassion.

4. Our Diocesan Mission: Faith That Becomes Service

As the Bishop of Warangal Diocese, I wish to renew my appeal to all our priests, religious, catechists, lay leaders, youth, and families to work together in strengthening our diocesan mission. Our mission is not limited to the celebration of the sacraments or the maintenance of our institutions. It also includes proclaiming the Gospel through education, healthcare, family ministry, social outreach, and our preferential care for the poor and the marginalised. The Lord reminds us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Every parish must become a welcoming community. Every Catholic family must become a place of prayer and mutual respect. Every educational institution must form responsible citizens rooted in moral values. Every healthcare ministry must uphold the dignity of every patient, especially those who cannot afford adequate treatment. Every youth movement must help young people discover their gifts and use them for the common good. I express my sincere gratitude to our clergy, religious congregations, catechists, teachers, healthcare workers, lay collaborators, benefactors, and all the faithful who generously contribute to the mission of our Diocese.

5. Preparing Our Hearts for Advent

The month of November concludes with the beginning of Advent on 29 November this year. The Church thus invites us to move from remembering our heavenly destiny to preparing our hearts for the coming of our Saviour.

Advent is more than a season of external preparations for Christmas. It is an invitation to renew our relationship with God, reconcile with one another, and make room for Christ in our lives. Let us prepare through prayer, the Word of God, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, acts of charity, and renewed commitment to our Christian responsibilities. May Our Lady of Fatima, our diocesan patroness, accompany us on this journey of faith. Through her maternal intercession, may our Diocese grow in holiness, unity, missionary commitment, and loving service. I assure you of my prayers and impart my pastoral blessing upon all the families of Warangal Diocese. May the Lord bless our priests and religious, strengthen our youth, protect our children, comfort those who suffer, and fill every heart with his peace.

May Christ reign in our hearts, our families, and our Diocese, now and forever. Amen.

With Prayers and Blessings,
+ D. Vijaya Paul
Bishop of Warangal

II. Holy Father's Intention:For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

III. Pope Leo XIV's Message: AI must serve human dignity and strengthen peace



Pope Leo XIV asks that the development of artificial intelligence be guided by wisdom and charity, so that technological progress may serve human dignity and strengthen the bonds of the human family.In a world marked by conflict and division, the development of artificial intelligence must be guided by wisdom and charity so that technological progress may serve the dignity of every person and strengthen the bonds that unite the human family.This is the message at the heart of Pope Leo XIV's words to participants in the first edition of AI4Peace, an international symposium dedicated to the opportunities and challenges posed by artificial intelligence in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, the protection of human rights and global governance.

"His Holiness Pope Leo XIV sends cordial good wishes to all gathered for the AI4Peace, Global Biennial Symposium & International Conference," the message states, expressing the Pope's hope that the discussions will contribute "to a renewed and widespread commitment to placing technological innovation at the service of the common good."

AI and the dignity of every person

Pope Leo situates the discussion on artificial intelligence within a world experiencing conflict and division. In such a context, he says, technological development requires not only technical expertise but also a vision "inspired by wisdom and charity".The aim, he stresses, should be to ensure that technological progress "may serve the dignity of every person and strengthen the bonds that unite the human family."The Pope then refers to his Encyclical Magnificahumanitas, recalling that God's "plan of mercy continues to unfold throughout history today" and "becomes a compass in the digital era for living our lives according to the Gospel" .

Artificial intelligence as an instrument of peace

Pope Leo encourages the participants to examine ways in which artificial intelligence can contribute to peace when its development and use are guided by concern for the good of others.He invites them in particular to explore how AI can "foster dialogue, reconciliation and solidarity among peoples", helping to transform the fruits of technological innovation into "instruments of peace".

An international symposium

The first edition of AI4Peace – Global Biennial Symposium & International Conference opened on Monday at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.The meeting brings together experts and researchers to examine the role of artificial intelligence in relation to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and resolution, human rights and governance. The Pope concludes his message entrusting the participants' work to the hope that it will produce lasting results, "With the assurance of his prayers that their efforts will bear lasting fruit."

IV. News from Vatican City

1. Pope Leo XIV undergoes successful lung surgery: Pope Leo XIV has undergone surgery at Gemelli Hospital, during which doctors removed the lower lobe of his right lung, according to the Holy See Press Office.



Pope Leo XIV underwent thoracic surgery at Gemelli Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, as planned, according to a statement from Dr. Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora released by the Holy See Press Office.The surgeons removed the lower lobe of the Pope's right lung. "To ensure a radical resection, the lower lobe of the right lung was removed using a video-assisted technique," the statement said.

Tissue examined during the operation confirmed the diagnosis suspected from tests conducted beforehand."An intraoperative histological examination confirmed the diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma, as suspected from the preoperative examinations," the doctors said.

The Pope was in the operating room for approximately three hours, while the operation itself lasted about 90 minutes. The doctors said it was successful and there were no complications.Pope Leo awoke normally after surgery and, following a brief period of observation, returned to his room on the hospital's 10th floor, according to the statement.Professor Margaritora led the surgical team, assisted by Professor Elisa Meacci, Dr. Maria Teresa Congedo, and Dr. Leonardo PetraccaCiavarella.The anesthesia team comprised Professor Massimo Antonelli, Dr. Giovanni Punzo, and Dr. Giuseppe Bello.

Tests and hospital stay

In the coming days, post-operation exams will be conducted on the removed tissue. The preoperative tests had already shown the doctors where and how to operate.No change has been communicated regarding the previously announced hospitalisation time of one week.

On Wednesday morning, the Holy See Press Office is expected to provide an update on how the Pope spent the night and any exam results that have come through.Following the operation, Pope Leo asked for dinner and spent the evening in the company of his secretaries and other Vatican staff, according to the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni.

2. Pope Leo XIV's Doctors Confirm No Further Treatment Is Necessary: Pope Leo XIV's doctors have confirmed that the tumour removed during his surgery on 13 October was a lung adenocarcinoma, adding that the disease was localised and no further treatment is necessary.

Tests Confirm Localised Lung Cancer

The update was announced on Wednesday, 21 October, following the completion of final histopathology and molecular testing on the tissue removed during the operation.In a statement

released by the Holy See Press Office, Dr Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora confirmed the diagnosis and outlined the findings of the subsequent medical assessment.”The final histopathology and molecular testing reports on the tissue removed during the Holy Father’s surgery were issued today,” the statement said.”The results confirmed that the tumour was a lung adenocarcinoma and that the disease was localised. A subsequent oncological assessment has confirmed that no further treatment is necessary.”

Surgery Removed the Lower Lobe of the Right Lung

The Pope underwent surgery on 13 October to remove the lower lobe of his right lung. The latest findings provide further information about the nature and extent of the tumour.Lung adenocarcinoma is a type of lung cancer. According to the medical statement, the disease was localised, and the subsequent oncological assessment concluded that additional treatment was not required.The announcement offers an important update on the Pope’s health following the operation and the medical investigations that followed it.

Focus Turns to the Pope’s Recovery

The latest announcement follows an earlier report concerning the Pope’s recovery and his planned international engagements. In a separate interview, his surgeon, Professor Stefano Margaritora, said there was no clinical reason to cancel the Pope’s planned visit to South America.The confirmation that no further treatment is necessary provides reassurance about the medical assessment following surgery. However, the statement did not provide further details about the Pope’s recovery timetable or any additional follow-up arrangements.The Holy See’s announcement marks a significant development in the public understanding of the Pope’s condition. With the tumour confirmed as localised and no further treatment deemed necessary, attention will now remain on his recovery and the continuation of his pastoral responsibilities.

3. Cardinal Tagle elected new Dean of College of Cardinals



Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Pro-Prefect of the Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches within the Dicastery for Evangelizationsucceeds 92-year-old Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, as Dean of the College of Cardinals.

After leading one of the world’s oldest bodiesthe College of Cardinalsfor nearly seven years, 92-year-old Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re is stepping down as Dean. He is succeeded by the Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, 69, Pro-Prefect of the Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches within the Dicastery for Evangelization.Cardinal Tagle, whoaccording to the Holy Seewill assume the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Ostia while retaining the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano, was elected to the position on Thursday, 8 October, by the cardinals of the Order of Cardinal-Bishops. The appointment to this top-ranking position in the ecclesiastical hierarchy was announced on Friday.

Pope Francis's Reform

Cardinal Re, a historic figure of the Roman Curia who has served through the last four pontificates, from John Paul II to the presentretains the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Sabina-PoggioMirteto and assumes the title of "Dean Emeritus" of the College of Cardinals.This latter title is an innovation introduced by Pope Francis in a 2019 motu proprio, in which he reformed the office of Dean, establishing that the role would no longer be for life but for a five-year term, renewable only once. This decision stemmed from the fact that "with the increase in the number of cardinals" (fifteen beyond the traditional threshold of 120 electors), "ever-greater responsibilities" were weighing on the Dean of the College of Cardinals.While confirming that the leader of the Sacred College is elected by members of the Order of Bishopsin accordance with the procedures established by Canon 352 § 2 of the Code of Canon LawPope Francis had instituted a fixed term of office and the possibility of a second term.

The reappointment of Cardinal Re

Cardinal Re, appointed Dean in 2020 to succeed Cardinal Angelo Sodanowas reappointed in 2025 by Pope Francis himself, who valued the work he had done during the Conclave of March 2013. At that time, Re, a former nuncio who had served as Assessor and Substitute for General Affairs at the Secretariat of State under John Paul II, and as Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops from 2000 to 2010was a cardinal-elector but performed the duties that would have fallen to the then-Dean Sodano, who was absent from the Sistine Chapel having passed the age of 80. The Argentine Pontiff also appreciated the characteristic verve, experience, and straightforward nature of the cardinal from Brescia.On 7 January 2025, the Pope reappointed him for a second term; Argentine Cardinal Leonardo Sandri was also reconfirmed in his role as Vice-Dean.

Three months later, acting in his capacity as Dean, Cardinal Re presided over the funeral rites for Jorge Mario Bergoglio on April 26, 2025, as well as the subsequent Missa pro eligendoPontifice (Mass for the Election of the Pope)the Eucharistic celebration held on the morning of the beginning of the Conclave on 7 May 2025, which subsequently saw the election of Pope Leo XIV.

Primus inter pares

At the age of 92, Cardinal Re, a native of Bornothus concludes this service to the Church. He is succeeded by the younger Cardinal Tagle, a cardinal widely known within the Asian Church and the global Church alike; until now, Tagle has headed one of the two sections of the Dicastery formerly known as Propaganda Fide.Tagle will therefore lead the cardinals of the world, though always in the capacity of primus inter paresmeaning he will not exercise hierarchical governing authority over his fellow cardinals, but rather coordinate their activities.

The Dean's primary duty is to convene any future Conclave in the event of a sedevacante (vacant see) and to preside over it, provided he is under the age of eighty and thus included among the electors.

V. News from CCBI/CBCI

1. Vatican Grants Definitive Approval to Jesus Youth Movement's Revised Statutes

ROME, October 23, 2026: The Vatican has granted definitive approval to the revised statutes of Jesus Youth, confirming its status as an international private association of the faithful with juridical personality under canon law. The decision by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life comes as the Catholic movement celebrates its 40th anniversary and marks a decade since receiving its initial recognition from the Holy See in May 2016.The approval document was presented by Bishop Dario Gervasi, adjunct secretary of the dicastery, to Jesus Youth International Coordinator Dr. Midhun Paul during the movement's international conference, "Go to the Ends of the Earth", in Rome. Fr. Giovanni Buontempo, coordinator of the dicastery's office for Relations with Ecclesial Movements and Associations of the Faithful, attended the ceremony.

Movement marks 40 years of mission

Founded in India in 1985, Jesus Youth is celebrating its Ruby Jubilee alongside the tenth anniversary of its initial recognition by the Vatican.Welcoming the definitive approval, Dr. Midhun Paul described the occasion as a moment of gratitude and renewed commitment to the movement's mission."It is a moment to stand in humble wonder at the faithfulness of our God," he said.He said Jesus Youth would continue its efforts to make Christ visible through its international presence, communion and missionary outreach as it entered a new phase in its journey.The definitive approval formally confirms the movement's statutes and ecclesial standing, providing a renewed foundation for its identity, charism and mission within the universal Church.

International conference focuses on evangelisation

The approval was announced during the international conference themed "Go to the Ends of the Earth", inspired by Acts 1:8, which calls Christians to bear witness to Christ throughout the world. The gathering brings together members of Jesus Youth from different countries for prayer, fellowship and reflection on the movement's missionary commitment. The programme includes opportunities to strengthen unity across cultures, deepen its spiritual foundations and prepare for future challenges in evangelisation.The conference, held in Rome, also includes a day at the Vatican, with participants hoping to attend a Papal Audience.

Preparing for future milestones

The conference builds on a synodal process of listening and discernment within the movement. Its objectives include strengthening leadership, fostering communion and equipping members to serve the Church with renewed missionary commitment.Jesus Youth is also looking ahead to two significant milestones: the Great Jubilee of 2033, commemorating 2,000 years of the Paschal Mystery, and its own Golden Jubilee in 2035.The definitive approval comes as the movement seeks to deepen its communion with the Catholic Church and extend its missionary outreach across national and cultural boundaries.

2. Right-Wing Group Attacks Church Prayer Retreat in West Bengal

Members of a right-wing group disrupted an annual prayer retreat for Santhali Christians at

the Divine Love Retreat Centre in Jhalalkali, Krishnanagar, on October 9, prompting Church leaders to demand a government investigation and action against those responsible. Speaking to Catholic Connect, the regional public relations officer of the Vincentian Congregation described the incident as a preplanned attack involving people from outside the area. He firmly rejected claims of religious conversion, saying the gathering brought together members of the Santhali Christian community for prayer and spiritual renewal.

Church rejects conversion claims

The PRO dismissed claims that conversions had been taking place at the centre for the past 50 years, pointing out that the church and retreat centre were established in the area only in 2006.According to the PRO, members of the right-wing group gathered near the church and delivered provocative speeches against Christians. They used loudspeakers to spread claims of religious conversion and resorted to stone-pelting when church members objected to the disruption, he said.The incident prompted villagers to block the road. Police intervened to restore order, after which the group dispersed, according to the PRO.

Church demands government action

The PRO called on the authorities to identify those responsible and initiate legal proceedings. He cited Sections 351 and 324 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), relating to criminal intimidation and mischief, respectively.He also highlighted the Vincentian Congregation's educational and pastoral ministries in India and abroad, including its schools in West Bengal.Church representatives urged the state government to investigate the incident, ensure the safety of Christian communities and protect their right to conduct religious gatherings without intimidation. They stressed that those responsible must be held accountable and that the rule of law must apply equally to all.Details of any police investigation or arrests were not available at the time of publication.

VI. News from TCBC

1. TCBC Commissions for Ecumenism and Dialogue to Hold Diocesan Directors' Meeting

The TCBC Commissions for Ecumenism and Dialogue will organise a two-day meeting of Diocesan Directors and Secretaries on 4–5 November 2026 at the Bishop's House, Vijayawada.The meeting is being organised under the guidance of the Chairman, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Das Pilli, Bishop, with the aim of bringing together the diocesan representatives involved in promoting ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. An official communication regarding the meeting has been sent to all Diocesan Directors and Secretaries, encouraging their participation.

Fr. Anthaiah, Secretary of the TCBC Commissions for Ecumenism and Dialogue, has requested the dioceses to encourage and support their respective directors to participate actively in the meeting.The gathering is expected to strengthen collaboration among dioceses and promote greater commitment to ecumenical solidarity, mutual understanding, and dialogue among people of different Christian traditions and religions.

VII. Bishop'sSchedule in November, 2026

21: Return from USA
22: 5:30pm Pastoral Visit &Solemnity of Christ the King Celebrations and First Holy Communion & Confirmations at Marripeda Parish
23: 3:00pm Lodi Executive Body Meeting, Fatimanagar
24: 10:30am Holy Mass on the Occasion of final day of Novena to St. Anthony of Padua at Dharmasagar Parish
25: 10:30am Golden Jubilee of Religious life of Sr. Mary John at Don Bosco Mariapuram Parish
26: Office Day
27: 10:00am 21st Anniversary Celebrations of Seva Grammam at Narmetta
28: Pastoral Visit to Kazipet Parish
29: 5:30pm Pastoral Visit, Confirmations and First Holy Communion at Kazipet Parish
30: Office

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01: St. Anthony's Shrine Feast Celebrations at Nagarapalem Parish, Guntur Diocese
02: Office
03: 10:00am Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Fr. Y. Chinnappa Reddy at Agapet Village, Narimetta Parish
5:30pm St. Francis XavierFeast Day Celebrations at St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Karunapuram
04: 9:30am Holy Mass at Badrachalem, Khammam Diocese
05: 10:30am Blessing & Inauguration of Presbytery at Kadavendi Parish
06: Pastoral Visit to Velair Parish and First Holy Communion & Confirmations at Sodeshapally Village, Velair Parish
07: Office
6:00pm Holy Mass at Kroot Nilayam Convent, Karunapuram
08: 10:00am Immaculate Conception of BVM Church Feast Celebrations, First Holy Communion & Confirmations at Reddipalem Parish
5:30pm Final Profession of MOP Brothers at Fatimanagar
09: 4:00pm Centenary Celebrations of St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur
10: Occupied
11: WADES Workshop at Fatimanagar
12: CRI Recollection, Rampur
13: 9:00am Pastoral Visit & Immaculate Conception Church Feast Celebrations at Subedari Parish
14: Pre-Christmas Celebrations at LODIMSSS, Fatimanagar
15: 7:00pm Chapel Blessing at Kottapally Village, MulkanoorMisison

VIII. Communications

1. All Souls' Memorial

a) Celebration of Requiem Masses: Every Priest is permitted to celebrate three Masses on "All Souls Day" November 2, accepting stipend only for one Mass in virtue of the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Benedict XV.

First Mass: One can apply in favor of any person and accept a stipend for the Mass
Second Mass: Priests are bound to apply it for the faithful departed.
Third Mass: Priests are bound to apply it for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

b) Plenary indulgence (applicable only to souls in purgatory): Plenary indulgence is granted to any one of the faithful who devoutly visits the cemetery or who simply prays for the dead on one of the days from 1st to 8thof November. On All Souls' Day (or elsewith the permission of the Ordinary on Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints Day) visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the 'Our Father and the Creed'.

c)Partial Indulgence (applicable only to souls in purgatory): A partial indulgence is granted to any faithful who: a) Visits devoutly cemetery or who simply prays mentally for the dead. b) Recites Lauds or Vespers of the office of the Dead or the invocation, "eternal rest grant...".
NB: Kindly remit any excess Mass intentions of All Souls' Day to the Bishop's House.

2. Communio India contribution for the Year 2026: The Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has come up with the idea of establishing a 'Funding Agency' in India, similar to the one like 'MISSIO' in Germany. The idea of establishing Communio is to raise funds in our country for our Country, with a view to helping the Mission Dioceses and Religious Congregations in India for the variety of needs they have. This year it falls on November 29, 2026. I request the Parish Priests to observe the Communio India Sunday on November 29,2026 and send the offerings and contributions of that Sunday to Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph, the procurator as early as possible. Kindly announce that they can contribute any Sunday/ Day of the year for the purpose. Let them take the envelops and give back any day during the year. It is out of Love and obligation towards the Church in Motherland, India.

3. Advent Commences on November 29, 2026: Advent, (from Latin adventus, "coming"), in the Christian Church calendar, the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. In Western churches, Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 29 (St. Andrew's Day) and is the beginning of the liturgical year. In many Eastern churches, the Nativity Feast is a similar period of penance and preparation that occurs during the 40 days before Christmas. The date when the season was first observed is uncertain. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours (461–490) established a fast before Christmas that began on November 11 (St. Martin's Day), and the Council of Tours (567) mentioned an Advent season.

The liturgical meaning of the Advent season referred to the dual "coming" of Jesus—then Roman Catholicism the traditional liturgical color for Advent is violet; many Protestant denominations have adopted blue or purple. The third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, is commonly marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and candles.

4. Shanthipuram (Kothulanaduma) Parish Entrusted to the Marymatha Capuchin Province: In a significant step towards strengthening the missionary and pastoral activities of the Diocese of Warangal, Shanthipuram (Kothulanaduma) Parish was officially entrusted to the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (OFM Capuchins), Marymatha Capuchin Province, with effect from 27 October 2026. The Province was represented by Very Rev. Fr. Kasu Karunakar Reddy, Provincial Minister. This new pastoral collaboration reflects the spirit of communion and shared responsibility in the mission of the Church. The Capuchin Fathers will henceforth undertake the pastoral care and spiritual guidance of the faithful of Shanthipuram Parish, continuing and strengthening the evangelizing mission of the Diocese of Warangal.

Most Rev. D. Vijaya Paul
Bishop of Warangal

5. Warangal Diocesan Priests' Annual Retreat – 2026: A Journey of Spiritual Renewal and Priestly Fraternity from 12–16 October 2026 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands



The priests of the Diocese of Warangal, under the spiritual leadership of Most Rev. Duggimpudi Vijay Paul Reddy, Bishop of Warangal, participated in their Annual Spiritual Retreat held from 12th to 16th October 2026 in the beautiful Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The retreat was preached by Rev. Fr. Bala Raju, SCJ, Parish Priest of Parakal and CRI President of the Warangal Unit. It provided a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal, personal reflection, prayer and priestly fraternity, away from the busy schedules of pastoral ministry.

Spiritual Renewal and Priestly Identity

The retreat commenced with an invitation to move from noise to God's voice, from running to resting, and from ministry to the Master. The reflections focused on rediscovering the dignity, identity and mission of priesthood in Christ. The preacher emphasized that priestly identity is rooted not merely in what a priest does but in who he is in Christ.

Special attention was given to the inner struggles of priests, the importance of priestly fraternity, mutual encouragement, spiritual healing and compassionate pastoral service. The priests were

invited to renew the enthusiasm of their ordination day and become shepherds after the heart of Christ.The daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, prayer, adoration and spiritual reflections made the retreat a meaningful and grace-filled experience.

Warm Hospitality and Fraternal Communion

The retreat was enriched by the warm welcome and generous hospitality of Most Rev. Dr. Visuvasam Selvaraj, Bishop of Port Blair, whose fatherly affection and thoughtful arrangements made the priests of Warangal feel at home.

The participants expressed their sincere appreciation to Rev. Fr. Anugraha, Vicar General of the Diocese of Port Blair, for his valuable support, and to Rev. Fr. Bala Raju, SCJ, for his inspiring spiritual guidance.As a token of gratitude, Most Rev. Duggimpudi Vijay Paul Reddy felicitated Bishop Visuvasam Selvaraj, Fr. Anugraha and Fr. Bala Raju, acknowledging their hospitality, support and spiritual service.

Special appreciation was extended to Rev. Fr. Kasu Showreddy and Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran for their dedicated efforts in coordinating the entire retreat programme.The priests also acknowledged Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph, the Procurator; Rev. Fr. Anukiran, Secretary to the Bishop; Rev. Fr. S. Inna Reddy, for the liturgical arrangements; and Rev. Fr. Gopu Thomas and Rev. Fr. Gopu Prakash Prade, for organizing Eucharistic Adoration.

Heartfelt thanks were offered to all the priests of the Diocese of Port Blair, the religious Sisters and the domestic staff for their loving service, comfortable accommodation, delicious meals and thoughtful arrangements.The participants expressed their gratitude to their beloved Bishop, Most Rev. Duggimpudi Vijay Paul Reddy, for his fatherly care and for providing this valuable opportunity for spiritual renewal and priestly togetherness.

A Memorable Spiritual Experience

The retreat strengthened the bonds of priestly fraternity and communion between the Dioceses of Warangal and Port Blair. The serene beauty of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the enriching spiritual reflections and the generous hospitality made the experience truly memorable.The priests returned with renewed spiritual enthusiasm, strengthened relationships and hearts filled with gratitude.

"We came as guests, but returned as members of one family in Christ."The priests of Warangal assured the Bishop, clergy, religious and faithful of Port Blair of their continued prayers and fraternal communion.The Annual Retreat 2026 will remain a cherished memory and a source of inspiration as the priests continue their mission of serving God and His people.

Fr. T. Santhosh, CDPI-Warangal President

5. Report on the Annual Priests' Retreat at Araku from 12–16 October 2026



The Annual Priests' Retreat of the Diocese of Warangal was held at Araku from 12 to 16 October 2026, with the participation of 14 priests, including twelve diocesan priests and two religious priests. The retreat was preached by Rev. Fr. Raj Kumar of the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, with the theme "Journeying Towards Integration."

The retreat consisted of daily spiritual conferences, with one session on the first day and two sessions each on the following days. The reflections focused on priestly identity, spiritual integration, the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of Priestly Life, brotherhood in the presbyterate, overcoming sin, conversion, and Mother Mary as the Mother of Priests. The sessions were enriched with practical examples and inspiring reflections. The priests also took turns celebrating the Holy Mass, with the preacher offering insightful homilies.

On 15 October, the priests received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrated the Holy Mass for the repose of the souls of two bishops and the priests who had faithfully served the Diocese of Warangal. On 16 October, the participants enjoyed a day of fellowship and recreation, visiting Araku, Borra Caves, and Visakhapatnam.

I sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Raj Kumar for his enriching spiritual guidance, Rev. Fr. Ravi Joseph, Superior of the Somascan Community, for providing accommodation and food, and Rev. Fr. B. Joseph, Parish Priest of Araku, for his constant support and hospitality. I also thank all the participating priests for their cooperation. My special gratitude goes to His Lordship Most Rev. D. Vijaya Paul, Bishop of Warangal, and Rev. Fr. Anukiran, Secretary to the Bishop, for their encouragement and for making all the necessary arrangements.May this retreat renew our priestly commitment, strengthen our fraternity, and deepen our dedication to the mission of Christ.

Rev. Fr. R. Inna Reddy, Priest In-charge – Araku Retreat

6. News from Lodi

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in 22 villages of Dharmsagar and Velair mandals of Hanumakonda district.

Activities:

1) 200 women were provided with concentrate feed and minerals nutrient bags for female calves to enhance the nutrients among calves and ensure that calves become dairy cattle and later yield milk.

2) 110 farmers were provided with plastic drums, cans, Waste decomposer, neem oil, growth promoters, yellow plates, to promote ecological farming methods to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients.

II. Title of the Project: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal, Dalit and Backward Class Communities of 23 villages of Akkannapet Mandal of Siddipet District of Telangana State

Activities:

A) 240 Marginalized farmers were provided plastic drums, neem oil, pheromone traps, yellow sticks. A few farmers are practicing organic methods in 23 project villages.

B) 121 Farmers were provided traditional food crop seeds and cultivated in 64 acres of land in the project villages.

C) 116 farmers were given Fodder seeds and cultivated in 47 acres of land for animal development.

III. Care & Support Programme for HIV/AIDS infected / affected children

- Peer group meeting was conducted for CABA children at LODI MSSS, Warangal to discuss their health and well-being, education, ART adherence, viral load testing, ART pension-related issues, and other relevant concerns.

- On 14th October 2026, Nutrition support groceries were provided by LODI MSSS for 134 Children Living with HIV/AIDS (CLHA).

- Vocational training was conducted for the children of CLHA from the 12th to 17th of this month. This program included activities related to craft and design work.

IV. Revolving Fund Loans:

- During the month of October, 65 beneficiaries of 3 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 13,00,000/-.

- 94 members of Fatima MahilaSahakaraSangham were given the loan of Rs. 1,07,80,000/-

- Total contribution towards Savings of Fatima MahilaSahakaraSangham: Rs. 3,93,750/-.

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director- LODI MSSS

7. News from Pastoral Centre

1. Report on the Catechism Teachers' Seminar: The Warangal Diocese Pastoral Centre organized a Catechism Teachers' Seminar with the theme Teaching the Faith, Touching Hearts, Transforming Lives on 10 October 2026 to strengthen the faith formation ministry and enhance the effectiveness of catechetical instruction. The programme commenced with registration, opening prayer, and Bible enthronement, followed by the welcome address and inauguration.



Mr. Kalpala Praveen led the first session on "The Identity and Mission of a Catechism Teacher," highlighting the vocation of catechism teachers and the effective organization of Sunday School and catechism classes.Fr. Thatikonda Joseph, Director – Pastoral Centre, presented the main theme, emphasizing Christ-centred teaching, personal witness, creative pedagogical approaches, and the formation of children as committed disciples of Jesus Christ.Mr. Kotte Srujan presented the Catechism Curriculum – 2026, focusing on systematic lesson planning and the effective implementation of the diocesan catechetical programme.Most Rev. D. Vijaya Paul, Bishop of Warangal, addressed the challenges in catechetical ministry in the Diocese, stressing the importance of committed teachers, parental involvement, regular participation of children, and coordinated pastoral efforts to strengthen faith formation.

The seminar concluded with felicitation, a concluding prayer, and a vote of thanks. It provided an opportunity for catechism teachers to renew their commitment to the Church's mission of evangelization and faith formation.The programme reaffirmed the vital role of catechism teachers in nurturing Christian values, deepening children's faith, and building a vibrant, faith-filled, and missionary Church.

2. Marriage Preparation Course

The Marriage Preparation Course was held at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Warangal, with the participation of 12 members. The programme aimed to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony by helping them understand the biblical foundation of marriage, the teachings of the Catholic Church, family values, mutual understanding, and the responsibilities of married life.

The sessions emphasized the importance of love, faithfulness, commitment, prayer, and Christian family life. The programme encouraged the participants to prepare themselves spiritually and practically for a lifelong, faith-filled, and loving marital relationship.

The Pastoral Centre continues to offer this programme to strengthen Christian marriages and promote healthy, faith-centred families in the Diocese of Warangal.

Fr. T. Joseph, Director- Pastoral Centre

8. News from FCT Office

1. Children's Spiritual and Personality development Course:

On 19 October 2026, the FCT Office organized a Spiritual and Personality Development Course for FCT schoolchildren. After the registration and the welcome address, the programme began at 9:00 a.m. with praise and worship.

At 10:00 a.m., Rev. Fr. K. Joji Babu, Parish Priest of Dharmasagar, initiated the first session. Drawing from the Book of Genesis, he spoke about sin and its consequences and explained how sin affects people's lives. He encouraged the children to remain awake and alert regarding

their character, studies, examinations, and goals, following Jesus' call to stay vigilant.



At 12:30 p.m., the children from Jeevadhara Center warmly welcomed Bishop Vijaya Paul with flowers as he proceeded from the main gate to the venue of the camp. The Bishop then celebrated the Holy Mass. In his homily, he exhorted the children to imitate the Infant Jesus, grow in the knowledge and fear of God, and find favor with God and people. After the Mass, the Bishop was felicitated, and the participants enjoyed a delicious lunch.



The second session began at 2:30 p.m. At 3:15 p.m., Rev. Fr. Joji Babu led the Eucharistic Adoration and finally blessed the children by carrying the Eucharistic Lord among them.

At the conclusion of the programme, the FCT Director, Rev. Fr. Martin, proposed the vote of thanks. First, he thanked the Lord for the beautiful day. He then expressed his gratitude to Bishop Vijaya Paul and to Rev. Fr. Joji Babu, the resource person. He also thanked Rev. Fr. George, Rev. Fr. Bernard, and Rev. Fr. Amal for the arrangements made at Jeevadhara Center. He acknowledged Rev. Fr. Balashowry, Rector of St. Pius X Minor Seminary; Rev. Fr. M. Praveen; Rev. Fr. K. Naveen; Rev. Fr. P. Prakash.; Mr. Arun for providing music; and Mr. A. Simon Reddy for providing food for the participantsand their valuable collaboration.

At 4:00 p.m., the children departed for their homes, carrying with them joyful memories and valuable spiritual lessons. Approximately 1020 children and 150 parents participated in the camp. The participants described the camp as an inspiring and motivating experience.

2. FCT Organised Integral Development Course for College Students

On 20 October 2026, the FCT Office organised a one-day Integral Development Course for the spiritual and personality development of college students at Jeevadhara Centre, Rampur. Following registration and the welcome address by the FCT Director, the programme began at 9:15 a.m. with praise and worship.

At 9:45 a.m., Rev. Fr. S. Balaraju, SCJ, Parish Priest of Parkal, inaugurated the first session. He encouraged the students to remain hopeful, never lose heart in times of difficulty, and place their unwavering trust in God.At 11:30 a.m., the students warmly welcomed Bishop D. Vijaya Paul with a floral welcome. At 11:45 a.m., the Bishop presided over the Eucharistic celebration. In his homily, he exhorted the students to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He encouraged them to live exemplary lives and make their parents, teachers, and friends proud through their good conduct and achievements.

After Holy Mass, the students felicitated the Bishop and enjoyed a delicious lunch. The second session began at 1:45 p.m., during which Rev. Fr. S. Balaraju, SCJ, explained the essential

qualities and efforts required to achieve success and accomplish one's goals. At 3:00 p.m., he led the Eucharistic Adoration, inviting the students to surrender themselves to Jesus, seek His blessings, and entrust their future to Him. He then blessed the students while carrying the Blessed Sacrament among them.



At the conclusion of the programme, Rev. Fr. Martin, FCT Director, proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked God for the grace-filled day and expressed his gratitude to Bishop D. Vijaya Paul and Rev. Fr. S. Balaraju, SCJ, for their presence and valuable contributions. He also thanked Rev. Fr. George, Rev. Fr. Bernard, and Rev. Fr. Amal for making the necessary arrangements at Jeevadhara Centre. He acknowledged the support of Rev. Fr. Balashowry, Rector of St. Pius X Minor Seminary; Rev. Fr. M. Praveen; Rev. Fr. K. Naveen; Rev. Fr. P. Prakash; Mr. Arun for providing music; and Mr. A. Simon Reddy for providing food for the participants and extending his valuable support. At 4:00 p.m., the students departed for their homes with joyful memories, renewed spiritual enthusiasm, and valuable lessons for their personal growth and future endeavours.



Fr. G. Martin, FCT-Director

9. News from Youth Centre

On 18 October 2026, the Diocesan Youth Commission organised a Skill Development Programme at Arunodaya Youth Centre, Fatimanagar, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The programme aimed to help young people develop their talents and utilise their skills for personal growth and the betterment of society.



Bishop Most Rev. D. Vijaya Paul graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inspired the youth through his motivational message. Rev. Fr. T. Joseph, Director of the Pastoral Centre, Dr. Rajamouli, Mr. Niranjan, Mr. Mohan Reddy, Ms. Kusuma, Mr. Putta Sudhakar, Mr. T. Suresh, and other resource persons shared their valuable insights and guidance.

An organised youth body was formed to visit villages, motivate young people, and conduct various developmental programmes. Some youth also participated in the Witness 2026 programme in Bengaluru. The Youth Centre plans to introduce new courses to further enhance young people's skills and talents.

Rev. Fr. Suresh Polimera, Director-Youth Centre

Synopsis of the Chronicles of Bishop's Diary in October-2026

01: 10:00am: Blessed the renovated Sacred Heart Church at Shayampet Village, Ookal Parish

02: 6:30pm: Participated in the Transitus Prayer at Regina Mundi Convent, Fatimanagar

03: Made a Pastoral Visit to Shanthinagar Parish

04: 10:30am:Celebrated the Holy Mass on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and administered the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Assisi Parish

05: 7:00pm Celebrated the Holy Mass at Assisi Provincialate, Fatimanagar

06: 10:30am: Presided over the Diaconate Ordinations of the Deacons of the Holy Spirit Congregation at Ramanthapur

07: 5:00pm Celebrated Holy Mass on the Occasion of Feast of Our Lady of Rosary Church, Theegarajupally Parish

08: Chaired the General Body Meeting of Fatima Mahila Sangam

09: Office

10: 10:00am Celebrated Holy Mass for the 2002-2003 B.Ed Batch on the occasion of Reunion at Fatima B.ed College, Fatimanagar

1:30pm: Addressed the Catechism Teachers at Pastoral Centre during the Catechism Teachers Training Seminary, Fatimanagar

11: 10:30am: Celebrated the Holy Mass at Ramannagudem Village, Kanchanapally Parish

12–17: Attended the Annual Retreat at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

18: Celebrated the Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral

19: Office

12:30pm: Celebrated the Holy Mass at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre during the FCT Children's Camp.

20: 11:30am: Celebrated the Holy Mass at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre during the FCT Youth Seminar.

3:00 pmDeparted for the United States of America (USA) on a visit.

Birthday Babies in November

Fr. Thirumalareddy Augustine	02/11/1963
Fr. Thatikonda Joseph	10/11/1974
Fr. Vatti Simon	12/11/1988
Fr. Kasu Marreddy	13/11/1982
Fr. Yetukuri Thomas Kiran	21/11/1973
Fr. Pentareddy BalthaRaj	25/11/1965
Fr. Thirumalreddy Rayappa	29/11/1964

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

WARANGDAL DIOCESE

BISHOP'S HOUSE, FATIMANAGAR, WARANGAL – 506 004

		August	September	October
1.	Appannapet Parish	800-00	600-00	800-00
2.	Assisinagar Parish			
3.	Atmakur Parish	600-00	600-00	500-00
4.	Balapala Parish			
5.	Cherial Parish			
6.	Dacharam Parish	430-00	380-00	420-00
7.	Devagiripatnam Parish	350-00		
8.	Dharmasagar Parish			
9.	Diesel Colony			
10.	Dornakal Parish	1100-00	1360-00	
11.	Ekasilanagar Parish			
12.	Elkathurthy Parish	1012-00	820-00	850-00
13.	Eppagudem Mission	850-00	750-00	
14.	Fatimanagar Parish	10,000-00	10,000-00	
15.	Ghanpur Parish	1520-00		
16.	Godavarikhani Parish	1100-00		
17.	Hasanparthy Parish			
18.	Husnabad Parish			
19.	Jagitial Parish	600-00	600-00	
20.	Jangaon Parish	3696-00	4100-00	4550-00
21.	Jammikunta Parish			
22.	Kadavendi Parish	800-00	1050-00	650-00
23.	Kamalapuram Parish			
24.	Kanchanapally Parish	1652-00	1852-00	1854-00
25.	Karimnagar Parish	4000-00	4000-00	4000-00

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26.	Karunapuram Parish	1500-00	1300-00	1700-00
27.	Kazipet Parish	2525-00	3100-00	2100-00
28.	Kesamudram Parish			
29.	Kothi Rampur Parish	230-00	250-00	
30.	Korutla Parish			
31.	Kumarpally Parish	400-00	400-00	
32.	Madhapuram Parish	200-00	100-00	100-00
33.	Mahabubabad Parish			
34.	Malkapur Parish	250-00	250-00	250-00
35.	Mallakapally Parish	250-00	250-00	
36.	Manugonda Parish			
37.	Manthani Parish			
38.	Maripeda Parish			
39. 40.	Mariapuram -Don Bosco Parish			
41.	Narmetta Parish	645-00	524-00	
42.	Narsampet Parish			
43.	Nekkonda Mission			
44.	Nellikuduru Parish			
45.	Mariapuram-Ookal			
46.	Palakurthy Parish		300-00	300-00
47.	Palavelpula Parish			
48.	Pallagutta Parish	200-00	200-00	200-00
49.	Parkal Parish	300-00		
50.	Pasara Parish	480-00	330-00	410-00
51.	Pulukurthy Parish	250-00		

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52.	Rampur Parish	1030-00	1150-00	1050-00
53.	Ranipuram Parish			
54.	Reddypalem Parish	812-00	830-00	
55.	Reddypuram Parish	750-00	750-00	700-00
56.	Sagaram Parish	800-00	900-00	
57.	St. Peter's Colony Parish	1500-00	1500-00	1500-00
58.	Shanthinagar Parish, Vemulawada			
59.	Shanthinagar Parish			
60.	Singaram Parish			
61.	Subedari Parish	4000-00	4000-00	
62.	Thigarajupally			
63.	Thimmaraopet Parish	1600-00	1530-00	2000-00
64.	Thorrur Parish			
65.	Unikicherla Parish	750-00	1000-00	1000-00
66.	Vangalapally	300-00	350-00	350-00
67.	Veleru Parish	400-00	700-00	
68.	Venkatapuram			
69.	Waddepally Parish	950-00		
70.	Wardhannapet			



Holy Mass at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre during the FCT Children's Camp



Holy Mass at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre during the FCT Youth Seminar

Annual Retreat at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands





















Retreat at Araku

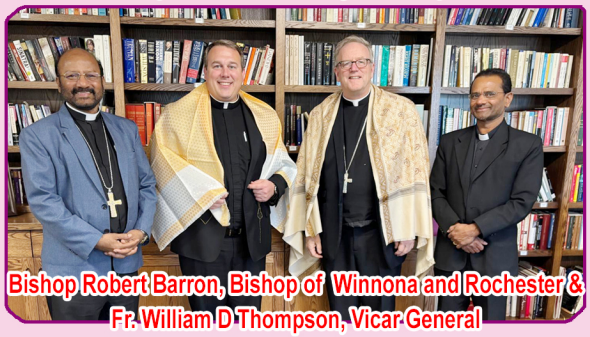
VISIT to USA



With Bishop David J Malloy, Bishop of Rockford



With Dr. Megan Mio, Mission Director &
Dr. Carol Walters, In-charge of Extern Priests
Archdiocese of Chicago



Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop of Winnona and Rochester &
Fr. William D Thompson, Vicar General



Bishop Donald J Hying, Bishop of Madison,
Fr. Tait, Vicar General, Fr. Scott, Vicar for Priests.



Nativity of the Lord Parish
at St. Thomas Catholic Church



Bishop James Powers, Bishop of Superior



Bishop David Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay



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Deacon Micky Friesen, Mission Director
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